# **QUARTERLY REPORT FOURTH QUARTER – 2008**

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VALLEY BROADCASTING COMPANY, LICENSEE OF KVBC-TV, CHANNEL 3, SERVING, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, HAS DETERMINED THAT THE ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY SERVED BY IT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Growth:

In Las Vegas **traffic** continues to be an issue for locals. With **improvements** to existing roads and non-stop construction of new ones, locals, while still struggling, are able to get around the valley a little easier. Another concern is **building & construction**. Although growth has slowed due to the economy a large number of people continue to migrate to Las Vegas. **Utility issues** will also continue to be a concern. From growing power bills to conserving water, locals want to know how to maximize their dollars. Living in the desert will always have locals concerned about their water. Water conservation, our natural water resources, and living a more "green" life are very important.

# **Education:**

The quality of **education** (k - 16) has become more of a concern in Clark County, with emphasis on improving the current system. **Safety** is a concern for K-12 due to the **class sizes** and the lack of adequate **staffing** of teachers. Because of the struggling economy, the **budget** is of major concern. With recent cuts, where will education funding come from?

#### Crime:

Crime remains one of the top concerns among Southern Nevada residents. The allure of the 24 hour city, and transient nature of the city contribute to an increase in **alcohol** and **DUI**-related accidents as well as illegal **drug** use. Since 9-11, there is a growing concern for **public safety** specifically along the strip where some of the largest hotels in the world are located. In the suburban communities **family safety** is also an issue. The sheriff of the Metro Police Department says that **gangs** are a problem here and one of his biggest concerns as head of the department. Police are also seeing an increase in **sex crimes** specifically among young adults, and tragically, children. **Graffiti** continues to be an issuence only in the city limits but in neighborhoods as well.

#### Lifestyles:

**Lifestyles** in our community are always a concern with adults. Our city has several lifestyles that contribute to different issues, good and bad. **Health and Medical issues** are a topic of discussion, especially with the downturn in the economy. **Gambling and Casinos** are also consistently in the spotlight. There are many **family issues and activities** that are of concern as well. Is there enough to do in Las Vegas as a family? Is it affordable?

Economy: Gas prices are now going lower than ever. While Las Vegas residents are paying less to fill up their tanks, unemployment, and the cost of living has risen to some of the highest levels Clark County has ever seen. The foreclosure rate has continued to skyrocket as well - Clark County is the highest in the nation for foreclosures. Tourism, however, remains our city's biggest money maker, but, this too has taken a hit due to the economy.

<u>Politics:</u> Las Vegas, as does the rest of the country look forward to the Presidential **Election.** Candidates have campaigned heavily in Las Vegas, discussing important issues to locals. We'll know if it helped soon

# **Children/School:**

Class size continues to be a major concern for the children of Clark County. The effects of overcrowding spill over onto many other areas with the increase of students in each classroom. Crime in school becomes more difficult to manage and curriculum receives less attention.

# Children/Safety:

As **gangs** are becoming bolder in their activities it is becoming more difficult for children to avoid the **alcohol**, **drugs** and **weapons** that are affiliated with them. The peer pressure to join is often too much to avoid. Despite campaigns against tobacco use, **smoking** continues to be prevalent among teens. As for teens and younger children the **stranger danger** warnings continue as more random abductions and attempted abductions are reported. As seen in the expansion of child welfare services the **home life** of many children is not safe.

# Children/Activities:

**School sports** are always are always in the forefront when kids are I school. Sports can be a good way for students to make friends and learn responsibility and teamwork. Students also take part in **extracurricular activities** to spend time before and after school. They can be parts of teams, clubs, or even after school jobs. In the extracurricular arena students can learn the value of being part of something as well as commitment and responsibility.

#### Children/Technology:

The internet is a great source of information and you can find computers in every classroom and home. It is a great resource for children and teens but the internet can also be a very dangerous place. Children and teens sometimes fall prey to sexual predators they meet on the internet on **teen websites** such as myspace.com. With easy access to teen websites and chat rooms, there is growing concern over **internet safety**. The evolution of technology is also opening the floodgates to teen communication through the use of **electronic devices**. IPods and cell phones are considered "must have" items by many teens. How does this affect a child's social life, well-being, etc.

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